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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Applicant: Kurt W. Weber et al.  
Application Number: 10/041,767  
Filing Date: January 7, 2002  
Title: INCREMENTAL STEP  
DRILLING SYSTEM AND  
METHOD  
Examiner Name: Howell, Daniel W.  
Group Art Unit: 3722

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- (X) Amendment/Reply
  - (X) Declaration of Kurt W. Weber.
  - (X) Return Postcard

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- (X) RCE fee (770 large entity)
- Time Extension Fee:
- (X) three months (\$950 large entity)

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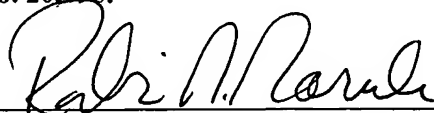
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